

BRIDES RENT GOWNS, SO DO BRIDESMAIDS

Leonore Calvert Finds Modern Method of Having a Swell Wedding.

OLD CUSTOM WITH THE MEN

Dress Suits in Great Demand, as Are Street Frocks for Girls.

Dolly and I, disconsolately seeking what we might devour in the way of "copy," came upon a signboard announcing ball gowns for hire, and clutched each other delightedly.

"At last I discern a chance to wear the cranberry velvet of my youthful dreams," she cried.

"And the ermine," I returned.

"I never aspired to ermine. I felt that was a height I could never achieve, but a cranberry-colored velvet gown with ropes of pearls was the modest and unassuming costume I always wore to balls in my imagination when I was a child," said Dolly, and then I opened the door of the shop, and we walked in.

It was early, but a young woman had arrived on the scene before us, and was viewing a yellow satin frock which was being exhibited for her approval with apparent disdain.

"Is this director?" she inquired of the clerk who was attending to her wishes.

"It is empire style," replied the clerk. "Empire is about the same as director—wait under the arms, you see, and it has a very long train, which clings to the figure."

"But would it be proper to wear to a wedding reception?"

"Proper? It would be the very thing," replied the clerk. And then looked at Dolly and me for substantiation of her words. "Wouldn't it, ladies?" she asked.

"It would be quite charming," I said loudly, so that no one would hear Dolly's remark that beautiful as it was it was not so beautiful as cranberry velvet.

One-Fifty in Advance.

"How much for the night?" inquired the young woman practically.

"One-fifty," returned the clerk. "Before or after?" inquired the customer.

"In advance!" said the clerk, and the deal would have been consummated then and there had it not been that Dolly, who should have been a census-taker, she is so ready to poke into other people's affairs, asked a question now.

"How do you know it will fit?" she asked.

"Sure enough, how do I know it will fit?" echoed the customer.

"It's a 44, you must be about that," responded the clerk.

"Forty-two your granny. I'm only 38," cried the customer savagely, and it became evident even to my unthinking mind that the whole process would have to be gone over again.

There was a blue net gown in a nearby case, and Dolly, entering into the spirit of the occasion with her wonted enthusiasm, pointed it out to the aspirant for sartorial prizes.

"That would be becoming to you. Why don't you try it?" she asked.

"What number is it?" asked the aspirant of the clerk.

"It would just about fit you. If it doesn't, we can take it up a bit under the arms. It has fringe on it, and it's quite the gentle thing. One of the most fashionable ladies in Baltimore sold us that, and she had worn it only twice."

"Is it Director?" asked the customer, making a last struggle for her preconceived notions.

"Made this season," returned the diplomat of the counter.

Brides Rent Frocks.

"Do brides rent their frocks?" I asked curiously.

"Lots of 'em; why not?" she asked.

"If you ask me, I think it is a sensible thing to do. I know there are girls in society who are poor and who spend more money than they can afford on very handsome dresses which are of very little use to them after the ceremony. Many of the young women who come here and rent a frock take the money saved by the process and invest in bed linen, or chairs, or tea cups, which do them a great deal more good. If you examine some of the things we have you will find that they are made of the very finest sort of materials, and were made by splendid dressmakers—the best in the city. They were made for rich women who have grown tired of them, and who sell them to us."

The door opened at this moment to admit a smart-looking girl dressed in very deep mourning, who spoke to the clerk in low tones.

"She wants to sell almost her entire wardrobe," the clerk later explained. "She has gone into black, you see, and can't wear any of the pretty things she had made this autumn. She's sold some to her friends, and given some away, but she says she still has about eight street and evening gowns that she would like to take."

Will you do it?

FUTURE WHITE HOUSE BELLE



MISS LOUISE TAIT,

Who Will Be Here to Attend Inaugural of Her Uncle.

MISS LOUISE TAIT, niece of the President-elect, will be one of a group of interesting young people, which the inauguration of Judge Taft will bring to Washington next spring. Miss Taft sailed for Europe recently with her mother, and when she returns it will be with many trunks filled with the latest creations of foreign modistes and milliners. It is almost certain that Miss Taft will spend the greater part of each winter in Washington during her uncle's administration, and this addition to the coterie of young people in Judge Taft's family will be a pleasing factor in the social calendar of the future.

a frock coat and tall hat with her. She told me when she brought that suit back that he was from Philadelphia, and that he told her she was as good-looking a girl as he had ever seen."

"Did you ever hear of a case where the original owner of the gown and its temporary one met?" I inquired.

"Once," she said. "It happened through a servant. We were blamed."

Any Opert Coats.

As we were making our farewells a young woman wearing a red suit and a green hat with dragged feathers came in and asked, "Hev you any opert coats?" and, though Dolly wished to linger and see her expression when the rose-colored satin one which we had admired was proffered her, I overruled her and bore her away without, as she complained, her having seen even a bow of cranberry velvet.

On our way home to round this story into a symmetrical whole we stopped at a place where men's suits are rented. "Do any of your customers want to wear their dress suits in the morning?" Dolly inquired.

"Plenty of them," returned the clerk. "Indeed, sometimes when it's a morning wedding they are going to they are so bent on wearing evening clothes to it that we just have to let them do it. There's nothing like letting people please themselves, you know."

We did not stay here long, for a bashful young man had come in and seemed disinclined to state his wishes before us, so we went away.

LEONORE CALVERT.

PINEAPPLE DEFINED.

Two diners at a hotel were disputing as to what a pineapple really was. One of them insisted that it was a vegetable. The friends determined to accept the decision of the waiter, who was called to the table.

"John," asked one of them, "how do you describe a pineapple? Is it a fruit or is it a vegetable?"

"It's neither, gentlemen; a pineapple is always a hextra!" he replied.—Tit-Bits.

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HONEYMOON PARADE IS UNIQUE CUSTOM

One Little Eastern Town Has a Novel Wedding Ceremony.

A small city, which need not be located more particularly than that it is somewhere east of Boston, has its own peculiar way of speeding the newly married on their honeymoon.

For one thing, every one goes to the station to see the couple depart. This is done in many small places. The showering of rice or confetti and the throwing of the old shoe take place, not at the home of the bride, but at the station.

But in this city train schedules frequently go awry, and when they do the unusual happens. The wedding, of course, has been celebrated on time, and the reception has taken as much time as such things usually take. The departure from the bride's home is made in due season to catch the train if it is on time.

The carriage bearing the newly married pair is drawn by white horses and decorated with white ribbons. Custom demands this, and no one has yet had the temerity to do otherwise. The carriage arrives at the station, and it is learned that the train is so many minutes or so many hours late.

The carriage doesn't wait. It goes parading. It drives around and around a prescribed route from every point of which the driver can get due notice of the approach of the train.

The crowd remains patiently at the station. Other curious persons station themselves at points along the route just to see the wedding coach pass.

Sometimes two or three carriages drawn by white horses and decorated in white swing steadily around the honeymoon circuit. It seems like an endless procession. It is not unusual for a wedding pair to spend the first five hours of their honeymoon just riding round and round waiting for the train.

When the screech of the locomotive finally is heard the driver contrives to swing up to the platform just as the train comes to a stop. Then the bride and bridegroom make a mad rush for their car amid a shower of rice and confetti and old shoes.

NEWEST PLACE CARDS MADE IN LARGE SIZE

Picture of Bride in Water Color Used at Bridal Luncheons.

Place cards for bridal luncheons, dinners and suppers are being turned out in new and fetching styles. They are very large, some being eight inches high, and are either of the paper doll variety or oblong or square, with a picture in water colors of a veiled bride

PRETTY SIMPLE FROCK



By May Mantion.

Plaid materials are always becoming to little girls, and this season they are being much exploited, trimmed with bands of silk or velvet, making a very charming and childish effect. This dress is worn over a separate gumpie and the gumpie can be of lingerie material or of silk as liked. But pretty as plaid is it is not the only thing that would be appropriate for the dress, and plain cashmere and plain serge, both are much worn, and are very pretty with trimming of fancy banding, and such colors as blue and brown and dark red are as desirable.

Again washable materials of the heavier sort are worn at all seasons, and pique, cotton rep and like make charming frocks for all seasons. The skirt and the over blouse are joined by means of a belt and the whole dress is closed at the back.

For a child of six years of age will be required 2 1/2 yards of material 24, 3 1/2 yards 32 or 34 yards 44 inches wide with 1/4 yard of bias velvet.

orange blossoms is sewed at the top. Old shoes make still another design.

The motor car has even affected these bridal cards. A cupid as motorman guides a bride's slipper fitted out like a motor. Cupid appears on many of the cards. In one large heart-shaped model he stands holding a large bouquet. In another cut-out card of a tall champagne glass he sits upon the rim of the glass.

Cut-out bride's slippers make other cards. A little bunch of artificial

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